

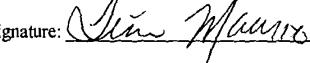
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**Patent Application**

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 Docket No.: YOR920000383US2  
 Serial No.: Unassigned  
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Title: Business System and Method Using a Distorted Biometrics

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SIR:

The above-named application is a continuation application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of pending U.S. application Serial No. 09/596,085. Enclosed are the following papers relating to the application:

1. New specification
2. 21 sheets of informal drawings
3. Copy of signed Declaration and Power of Attorney from prior application
4. Petition for Extension of Time

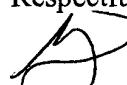
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Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if applicable			\$280 =	\$ 0
Basic Fee				\$750
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1. This application is being filed by all the inventors named in the prior application.
2. The prior application is assigned of record to International Business Machines, Inc.
3. An Associate Power of Attorney to the undersigned has been entered in the prior application.

4. Please file the application and charge **IBM Corporation's Deposit Account No. 50-0510** the amount of \$918 cover the filing fee. In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or to credit **Deposit Account No. 50-0510** as required to correct the error. Duplicate copies of this letter are enclosed.

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